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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
SUSUMU IGARASHI ET AL. ) Examiner: J. Wu  
Application No.: 10/021,247 ) Art Unit: 2123  
Filed: December 19, 2001 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, )  
APPARATUS, AND STORAGE )  
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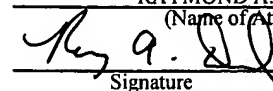
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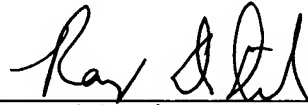
  
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Respectfully submitted,

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